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The International Secretariat of OMCT has received new information on the following situation in East Timor

Brief reminder of the situation:

According to the information received, **Felisberto Maria dos Santos** (44) from Lauhata in Liquica, **Domingos Laranjeira** (36) from Becora, Dili, **Jose Sobral** (40) from Ailok Laran - Bairro Pite, Dili, and **Marcelino Fatima dos Santos** (29) from Lauhata, Liquica were arrested on 30 March 1997 in the sub-district of Atabae, Bobonaro by members of the SGI (Special Intelligence Unit) and Kopassus (Special Forces Command). They were travelling on motorbikes when they were stopped at a military checkpoint and arrested. It is believed that they are being held in military custody by the SGI (Special Intelligence Unit) in Dili, but their exact whereabouts remain unknown. The official reasons behind their arrest are unknown, however, it is believed that **Felisberto Maria dos Santos** was arrested on suspicion of being a member of the East Timorese Armed Resistance. It is also believed that the other three men were arrested for their alleged involvement in the clandestine resistance movement in East Timor.

The International Secretariat expresses its grave concern over the great number of grave violations of Human rights in East Timor. Prisoners in East Timor are at high risk of torture and ill-treatment while in military or police custody, especially if they are denied access to members of their families and independent legal representation.

New Information:

According to new information received from a reliable source, **Domingos Larnjeria** has now been released, but it is believed that the other 3 men are still being detained at the headquarters of Battalion 744 in Taibessi, Dili.

The International Secretariat continues to be gravely concerned for the safety of **Felisberto Maria dos Santos**, **Jose Sobral** and **Marcelino Fatima dos Santos**.

Action requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

- i. adopt all necessary measures to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Felisberto Maria dos Santos**, **Jose Sorbal** and **Marcelino Fatima dos Santos** including providing access to family and independent legal representation.
- ii. order the immediate release of the above persons in the absence of valid charges. If such charges do exit, bring therefore a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times.
- iii. ensure in all circumstances the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national and international standards.

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Geneva, 15 July 1997

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal.